Title: Request the government to cancel the earlier tenders based on the notifications issued by the Vishakapatnam Port Trust dated 12th October 2000 for the BOT Berths and issue fresh one.

PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESHWARLU (TENALI): I would like to raise a very important matter of urgent public importance. The Vishakapatnam Port Trust has issued a notification on 12th October 2000 calling for tenders for the construction of BOT Berths of EQ-8 and EQ-9 imposing certain stringent conditions. In response to the notification, as many as 33 agencies and parties had taken the tender documents. But, ultimately, looking at the stringent conditions, only six parties had applied for pre-qualification. After that, only three parties were pre-qualified. Even thereafter, only two parties could finally come forward for filing of the tender documents.

Sir, subsequently, the Minister for Surface Transport had relaxed all conditions which amounts to favouring these two agencies which are in the race for bidding. In normal procedure, as and when there is a revision of conditions, the earlier bids will be cancelled and fresh bids will be recalled so that there will be justification in calling for tenders and also construction of these berth. It also goes to the advantage of the Government and for equitable justice, it should be done. But it has not been done so far.

I request the Minister for Surface Transport to cancel the earlier tenders which were called, based on the notification given by the VPT on 12th October, 2000 and tenders should be recalled based on the stipulations that are given by the MoST on 28th March, 2000 so that there will be equitable justice based on the relaxed conditions.

श्री सुरेश रामराव जाधव (परभनी) अध्यक्ष जी, हमने भी नोटिस दिये हैं।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : हम आपकी तरफ आ रहे हैं। इस लिस्ट में आपका नोटिस नहीं है। हम देखेंगे, आप बैठ जाइये।